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SUBJECT:CST MEETING OF ADVISORY GROUP ON CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY, JUNE 2-3, 1975

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1. DEPARTMENT AND NSF APPRECIATE THOUGHTFUL, MOST USEFUL ANALYSIS OF AGENDA ISSUES OF SUBJECT MEETING. DR. JOHNSON, NSF, UNABLE TO ATTEND AND HAS FORWARDED MAY 23 EXTENSIVE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS TO USOECD SCIENCE ADVISOR. IN ADDITION HE WILL PHONE FURTHER VIEWS ON MAY 30.

2. AGREE VERY MUCH WITH PARA 2, REFTEL, FOR GREATLY IMPROVED COORDINATION WITH RELATED ACTIVITIES OF OTHER CST GROUPS (SERVICE SECTORS, CUG TELECOMMUNICATIONS, SOCIAL SCIENCES) AND OTHER OECD COMMITTEES (E.G., ENVIRONMENT, LABOR/MANPOWER -- SOCIAL INDICATORS, EDUCATION, INDUSTRY, ETC.). ABOVE ALL, CONSOLIDATION OF SECRETARIAT RESOURCES IS GREATLY NEEDED.

3. AGREE WITH MISSION, PARA 4 OF REFTEL, THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN CURRENT STUDIES REQUIRED PRIOR TO DECISION ON UNCLASSIFIED

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SEMINAR. SOME THINKING COULD BE DEVOTED TO POSSIBLE, LATE

76 SEMINAR ON ONE OF CURRENT TOPICS. IMPORTANT THAT SEMINAR INCLUDE DECISIONMAKERS AS WELL AS TA DEVELOPERS.

4. AGREE WITH MISSION, PARA 5 OF REFTEL, THAT SECRETARIAT PLAN TO MOVE INTO NEW THEMES IS OVERLY AMBITIOUS AND PREMATURE. COMMENTS PROVIDED USOECD IN JOHNSON LETTER. NO DECISION POSSIBLE THIS MEETING; ONLY EXPLORATORY CONSIDERATIONS. IN ANY CASE, SOLAR ENERGY NOT APPROPRIATE AT PRESENT TIME; MARINE RESOURCES WOULD REQUIRE MORE SPECIFIC DEFINITION SUCH AS CONTINENTAL SHELF PROBLEMS.

5. PROPOSED ITEMS ON FUTURE ORIENTATION OF PROGRAM (AGENDA ITEMS 7-9) NOT APPROPRIATE FOR ADVISORY GROUP CONSIDERATION AT THIS TIME. THESE SORTS OF PROJECTS REQUIRE PRIOR CST AGREEMENT. ON OTHER HAND, VIEWS OF ADVISORY GROUP ON PROPOSED WORK ON SOCIAL ACCOUNTING, LAST PART OF PARA 19 OF SPT(75)5, COULD BE USEFUL FOR SOCIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECTS.

6. WITH REF TO PARA 7 OF REFTEL, CST SHOULD GIVE 1/2 DAY 5B55I8N-A NEXT MEETING OR JUST SESSION AT NEXT MEETING OR FIRST MEETING OF 1976 TO COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF TA WORK AND RELATED CST PROGRAM ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON RESOURCE PRIORITIES AND VERIFY VALUE OF TA PROGRAM. IMPORTANT THERE BE IMPROVED MANAGEMENT CONTROL OF ALL THIS WORK.

7. UNDERSTAND HETMAN OF SECRETARIAT PLANS JUNE 30-JULY 5 VISIT TO WASHINGTON. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON OBJECTIVE AND APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE. INGERSOLL

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